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MEMORANDUM FOR: Distribution

THROUGH: Deputy Chief, ADD/ESG/FBIS

FROM: Laird Steinberg
System Engineering Support, GE

SUBJECT: Field Bureau Automation ERB Meeting Report

1. An FBA Engineering Review Board was held on 11 August 1987 at 1400. See the attachment for a list of attendees. There was no formal agenda for the meeting.

2. [] opened the meeting and discussed the results of the BACH 2.0 software review.

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a. Currently the bureaus have a mixture of hardware and software configurations. The IBM PCs may not effectively accomodate BACH 2.0 with DOS software developed for use with the Victor PCs. The ERB has decided to standardize the commo hardware configuration at the bureaus in order to provide a BACH 2.0 and DOS 3.1 baseline. Each bureau with a commo configuration of one IBM and one Victor will be shipped a Victor PC to replace the IBM. The IBM will remain at the bureau for use outside the commo section.

b. The ERB will use the 110v and 220v Victor PCs available from the FBA-1 supply to provide each bureau with the required Victor PC. LEC has scheduled a shipment of Okinawa FBA-1 equipment to the depot at the end of the month. The additional Victors will be included in this shipment. The bureaus should realize that these Victor PCs are not additional units, they are early deliveries of FBA-2 equipment. Those bureaus receiving the Victors now will have their FBA-2 PC allotment reduced by one to replenish the FBA-1 spares supply.

c. Experience has shown that PCs sent as single units have frequently arrived damaged. Nick will work closely with the depot to arrange protective packaging for the units.

d. The BACH 2.0 system test by LEC and CRW is scheduled for completion by mid September. Okinawa is the proposed Beta test site. The unattended installation beta test site is yet to be determined.

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3. The ERB reviewed the preparations for the Bangkok installation.

a. The ERB received a package from Bangkok with locally developed instructions for the use of BACH 1.3a. The ERB is reviewing the package to insure that these instructions meet FBA ERB requirements.

b. The first shipment of Bangkok FBA-1 equipment entered MAC shipping channels on 11 August and is expected to arrive in Bangkok on 24 August. The bureau will be notified of shipment and requested to facilitate clearing the shipment through customs when it arrives. The second shipment of Bangkok FBA-1 equipment is being packed.

c. The Bangkok power survey has been completed and the power is adequate. The facility is prepared for the FBA-1 installation.

d. LEC has provided a list of the installation team and their itinerary as well as a list of equipment going to Bangkok. Travel accommodations will be made immediately.

e. The Pony Lines in Bangkok are not part of the baseline FBA-1 requirements. The ERB is reviewing the requirement for pony lines for a possible RFC to include the Pony Lines in the FBA baseline.

f. The schedule for Bangkok is as follows.

Installation begins	31 August
SAT	16 September
ORD	21 September
IOC	30 September
PDS ends	30 October

4. Twila reviewed the status of Cologne's PC upgrade. The ERB recommends that Cologne obtain local commercial computer support to install the hard disk and DOS 3.1. This will enable Cologne to use the BACH 2.0 software.

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5. The draft memorandum: Technical Memorandum of Understanding for the Automated Interfaces Between the BBC Monitoring Service and FBIS London Bureau was discussed. Twila, [redacted] and GE will review specific areas of the document requiring clarification.

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6. The next Field Bureau ERB is scheduled for Tuesday, 20 August at 1300.

Bill Stanbridge
for
Laird Steinberg

Attachment

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